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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Shuichi YABU)
Application No.: 09/811,447)
Filed: March 20, 2001)
For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS, GAS)
REPLACING METHOD, AND METHOD :
OF MANUFACTURING A)
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE :

Examiner: A. Mathews
Group Art Unit: 2851
Allowed: July 1, 2003
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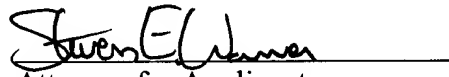
Applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and a Notice of Allowability dated July 1, 2003, in the above-identified application. However, in reviewing the Notice of Allowability, Applicant notes that the Examiner has not yet considered the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 24, 2003, prior to issuance of the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability on July 1, 2003. For the Examiner's convenience, attached are copies of those papers and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office date stamped post card receipt confirming the filing of those papers on that date.

Since that Supplemental Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement were timely filed prior to the mailing of the Notice of Allowability, Applicant requests that the Examiner promptly consider these papers.

Applicant believes that no fees should be incurred in connection with filing this paper. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fees be associated herewith. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for this purpose.

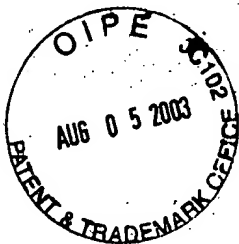
Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address listed below.

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